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Justin Trudeau wins Liberal leadership with 80% support

Calls for an end to party infighting, 'hyphenated Liberals'

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Justin Trudeau, the eldest son of former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, was elected on the first round with 24,668 points — he only needed to obtain 50 per cent plus one, or a total of 15,401 points (Fred Chartrand/Canadian Press)

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Newly elected Liberal Party of Canada Leader Justin Trudeau took to the stage before a crowd of over 1,000 supporters with a message of unity and hope with an eye to the next election in 2015.

Trudeau acknowledged expectations are high and in an effort to rally Liberals of all stripes said, "I don't care if you thought my father was a great or arrogant."

"It doesn't matter to me if you were a Chretien-Liberal, a Turner-Liberal, a Martin-Liberal or any other kind of Liberal. The era of hyphenated Liberals ends right here, tonight."

PHOTOS: Justin Trudea wins Liberal leadership

Trudeau was elected through a preferential ballot based on a points system that gave each of the 308 ridings in the country 100 points for a total of 30,800 points.

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82% turnout

MP Joyce Murray came in second, as expected, with 3,130 points while former Toronto-area MP Martha Hall Findlay came in third with 1,760 points.

Former cabinet minister Martin Cauchin came in fourth with 815 points, Toronto lawyer Deborah Coyne came in fifth with 214 points, and former retired military officer Karen McCrimmon came in sixth with 210 points.

The total turnout for the vote was 82 per cent after 104,552 people cast a ballot by the time polls closed on Sunday afternoon, out of a total of

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That's the largest number of people to elect a leader in the history of Canada, party officials told a crowd of 1,000 Liberal supporters gathered in Ottawa on Sunday.

Heritage Minister James Moore congratulated Trudeau on Twitter saying "well done."

The Conservative Party of Canada also congratulated the new leader but also pointed to his lack of experience.

"Justin Trudeau may have a famous last name, but in a time of global economic uncertainty, he doesn't have the judgement or experience to be Prime Minister," the written statement said.

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